

PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 11-153060, filed May 31, 1999;  
Japan 11-153062, filed May 31, 1999;  
Japan 11-153063, filed May 31, 1999;  
Japan 11-153064, filed May 31, 1999; and  
Japan 2000-117063, filed April 18, 2000.

Certified copies of the priority documents have been submitted in parent application 09/580,410.

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